

CHANCTONBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.10, Bulkington Avenue,
Worthing.

June 1942.

Gentlemen,

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2604, 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics 1941.

	Chanctonbury R.D.	England & Wales.
Birth Rate per 1,000 population ...	14.6	14.2
Death Rate per 1,000 population ...	12.5	12.9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	42	59

Evacuation.

At the end of the year there were approximately 945 evacuee mothers and children in the district. During the year 70 evacuee children received treatment at the Sick Bay, Storrington.

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	11(39 in 1940)
Diphtheria	6 (5 in ")
Pneumonia	11(19 in ")
Tuberculosis	17(13 in ")
Measles	370
Whooping Cough	146
Puerperal Pyrexia	1
Erysipelas	5
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2
Paratyphoid Fever	2

Housing.

There were no new houses built during 1941.

Total No.of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects(under Public Health and Housing Acts)	... 184
No.of inspections made for the purpose	... 373
No.of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... Nil

Bacteriological Samples of Milk.

	<u>No. of samples taken.</u>	<u>No. complying with standard</u>	<u>No. failing to comply.</u>
Accredited	4	3	1
Ordinary	16	11	5

Water.

Regular routine samples of water from the public supplies at Storrington, Nutbourne, Washington and Steyning and from the private supplies at North Stoke, Beeding and Wiston, were taken during the year and proved generally satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had complete reports from the Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. Brockway and Mr. Burrows, as in former years, but as these are not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that Mr. Brockway made 4686 inspections as compared with 3154 in 1940, and that Mr. Burrows made 166 inspections in connection with buildings as compared with 255 in 1940.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General, are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may, as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H. WILSHAW,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Chanctonbury Rural District Council.